

## Notices

**Songs of Ascent Mini Pilgrimage to Enborne** - Saturday 30th March. Leaves St John's 9am. Return by 1pm.

**Choir Director vacancy at St George's** - St George's is looking to appoint a Choir Director to work alongside Mike Harris. Full details are on the website [www.stg-stj.org.uk/st-georges-choir-director](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk/st-georges-choir-director). Please share the information with anyone you think might be interested.

**Pilgrimage for 2024** - our annual walking pilgrimage is from Stratford on Avon to Lichfield Cathedral, over four days between 22-25 August. Contact Peter Wright for on 07770 968182 or [piwright@btinternet.com](mailto:piwright@btinternet.com).

## Holy Week Benefice Services

### Monday

St John's, 7.30pm - Stations of the Cross

### Tuesday

St George's, 7.30pm - Taizé service

### Wednesday

St George's, 7.30pm - Youth-led service

### Maundy Thursday

St George's, 2pm - Holy Communion

St George's, 7.30pm - Holy Communion with washing of feet.

St John's, 7.30pm Palestrina Mass with washing of feet

### Good Friday

St George's, 10am Easter Garden Family Service

St George's, 2pm - The Last Hour

St John's, 12 noon - The Last Hour

St John's, 3pm - Silent Vigil

St Michael's, 12noon - Service of reflection and prayer

## Key contacts

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For all other contacts please see the website:

**Website** [www.stg-stj.org.uk](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk)

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[facebook.com/StGeorgesNewbury](https://facebook.com/StGeorgesNewbury)



South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

**24th March 2024**

**Palm Sunday**

**Everyone is welcome at our churches and all are warmly invited to come along.**

**We look forward to seeing you.**

## Today's Services

**St George's at 8.00am** - Holy Communion

**9.30am** - Parish Communion or gather at 9am at the Falkland Memorial to process to the church.

**St John's at 8.30am** - Holy Communion

**10.00am** - Parish Communion

**Live-streamed worship this week** is from St George's on YouTube from 9.30am - <https://www.youtube.com/@thebeneficeofstgeorgeandstjohn/featured> or via [www.stg-stj.org.uk](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk)

## Next Sunday, 31st March - Easter Sunday

**St George's at 6am** - Dawn Service of Light and H.C

**8.30am** - Holy Communion

**10.00am** - All-age Communion

**St John's at 6am** - Dawn Service of Light

**8.30am** - Holy Communion

**10.00am** - All-age Communion

**St Michael's at 11am** - Family Communion

## Weekly Services and Events

**Benefice Office open Tuesday to Friday 9.30-2.30.**

Monday **Welcome Café** at G's NOT THIS WEEK

Tuesday **Morning Prayer 8.50am** at St John's  
**Babies & Toddlers** at St J 9.30am-11.15am  
**Eucharist at 12.30pm** at St John's

Wednesday **Morning Prayer 8.50am** at St John's  
**Morning Prayer 8.45am** at St George's

**Welcome Café** at G's NOT THIS WEEK  
**Social & Midday Prayer**, from 10.30am St J  
**Tiddlers & Toddlers** - NOT THIS WEEK  
Thursday **Morning Prayer 8.45am** at St George's  
**Eucharist at 12.noon** at St G's NOT THIS WEEK

**Contemplative Prayer** - 6pm at St John's

Friday **Morning Prayer 8.45am** at St George's  
**'and Breathe' school-run café** at St John's 8.50am-10.15am

**Welcome Café** at G's NOT THIS WEEK  
**Soup Lunch at St John's** - 12 noon

## Readings for Sunday, 24th March 2024

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### The Collect

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

**Amen**

### First reading: Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let Israel now proclaim  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray  
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God; he has given us light;  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God and I will thank you;  
you are my God and I will exalt you.  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
his mercy endures for ever.

### The Gospel: Mark 11. 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at  
Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he  
sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the  
village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it,  
you will find tied there a colt that has never been  
ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you,  
"Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord  
needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They  
went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside  
in the street. As they were untying it, some of the  
bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying  
the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and  
they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the  
colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on  
it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and  
others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the  
fields.

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Then those who went ahead and those who followed  
were shouting,  
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor  
David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple;  
and when he had looked around at everything, as it was  
already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Prayers for the week

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do.  
A Weekly Prayer Diary is sent out by email with this  
newsletter which includes prayers for named individu-  
als, together with prayer intentions for the week for  
our Benefice, the local community and the wider  
world. Names can be added by contacting clergy or the  
Office but please note, only with the permission of the  
named person.

### Benefice Website

Full details of all services and events are on the website  
at [www.stg-stj.org.uk/lent-and-easter](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk/lent-and-easter).

### Upcoming Services at St Michael's, Enborne

Good Friday - 12pm service of reflection and prayer  
Easter Sunday 31st March - 11am Family Communion  
Sunday 14th April - 11am Holy Communion  
Sunday 28th April - 6pm Forest Church  
Sunday 12th May - 11am Holy Communion

### Open for personal prayer ...

**St George's Church** is open daily (except Monday) from  
9.30am - 2.30pm. (Access via the door on tower side.)  
**St John's Church** is mainly open Tuesday to Friday from  
approx. 9-5pm. The red flag flying indicates openness!  
**St Michael's Church, Enborne** is open every day in  
daylight hours.  
**Come, sit in peace, and enjoy the quietness of these  
sacred spaces.**